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Father Darkleaf

by c. h. r.

there was the doctor who patient who was getting so could not even hear himself He didn't improve his hear- t the patient is burping loud-

fall some guests were in our from Ohio, and included was g lad who seemed to enjoy g some time in my base- nuseum." I remember him g very keen and alert. Now at hand a 3-page letter he ne Christmas Eve, recalling to Virginia, and saying he to visit Appomattox again. ght it was so nice of him to er me in this way.

of the grand "elder states- of Appomattox, Mr. W. S. will observe his 85th birth- nday, Jan. 3. Mr. Taylor is ning Virginia gentleman, and h him well. He says that he ng out." We know better, he as a kitten, and we wish for s joy of rounding out a full s.

ve not yet gotten around to g all of my Christmas cards, do note one from a friend in who sells Indian relics. His ted card carries a Navajo Prayer: "With all around utiful, May I walk!"

nde journel we receive each s always good for some witty . Note this: "Seems like all ed for a best seller is a ful girl on the cover and no n the beautiful girl." Also: Tuttle is wearing a big dia- ring. Probably was not exact- her uncle had in mind when her the money for a stone orating his property."

on in the same journel, we this yarn: ...tickets being so much sought for "My Fair Lady," it seems that there was this vacant leaning across the vacant seat, upant on the one side asked y on the other side if she ed to know why this seat was

yes," she replied. "My hus- and I sent in for these tickets months ago, but unfortunately band passed away." so sorry to hear that," the lady, "But couldn't one of relatives have used the tick-

no," said the widow. "They at the funeral."

were interested in an article Appomattox's famous educa- s, Havilah C. Babcock, in the ia, S. C. daily newspaper of date, Dr. Babcock is head of glish Department at the Uni- of South Carolina, but is also as a hunter, fisherman, and for sports publications. He to have acquired the nick- "I Want A Bird Babcock." ves story in question concern- friendly argument as to the ability of Emily, daughter ator Edgar A. Brown. The t said that his daughter was e graduate, yet, figuratively t spell cat." Dr. Babcock to the defense of his former ow Mrs. R. M. Jeffries, Jr. hot of the friendly incident at Senator Brown arranged ay of quail hunting, honor- Babcock, with some fifty icials and others as invited The day, with a barbecue, f during the recent holidays. the quail hunt, Dr. Babcock times and bagged 10 birds. lumbia State did a nice job, columns, on the incident.

Spout Spring, Va.

ather Darkleaf,

was through your usually ing column that the procla- of my coming birthday was ced, with surgestions to our , I must thans you and at me time ask many friends h kind and generous expres- nd gifts. May your and their s actions receive a righteous . Happy New Year to all.

Yours sincerely,
P. M. Shirey.

An Air Force jet fighter-bomber mes the official air speed record 1,207.6 miles an hour.

Summary of News: 1957 In Appomattox

Evergreen Club Installs Officers

The Evergreen Ruritan Club, at its regular meeting on Dec. 20, at the Evergreen school, installed its officers for the coming year, 1958, as follows:

J. K. Hamilton, president; Peyton Seay, vice president; Z. V. Harvey, secretary; A. J. Ranson, treasurer; R. P. Harvey, director for 3 years; Jay Clapp, director for 2 years; Glenn Martin, director for 1 year.

Also at this meeting, committees for 1958 were appointed. The P.-T. A. of the Evergreen school, served a delicious dinner. Reports were heard from delegates who attended the convention in Blackstone recently.

The club will meet again on Friday night, Jan. 3, at 7:00 o'clock, at the school.

Mitchell Heads March of Dimes

An organization has been set up for the annual March of Dimes in the county. Chairmen are:

Bobby Mitchell, chairman of the March of Dimes Drive; C. W. Smith, church contributions; Joel Flood, business contributions; Mrs. Morella Price, Carver-Price school; Mrs. Dot Davidson, Mothers March on Polio.

Demonstration Club Schedule

Schedule of home demonstration club meetings:

Thursday, Jan. 2.- Rocks Home Demonstration Club will meet at 7:30 P. M with Mrs. Edward Ranson, Mrs. J. E. Ranson and Mrs. Toby Ingre will give the demonstration.

Friday, Jan. 3.- The Trinity Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. T. M. Martin. Mrs. S. G. Martin and Mrs. H. R. Moore will give the demonstration.

Monday, Jan. 6.- Leader training meeting, 1:30 P. M., at the home agent's office. Miss Ruth Jamison, house furnishings specialist, VPI, will demonstrate "Care and Cleaning of Rugs."

Monday, Jan. 6.- County Lane Home Demonstration Club will meet at home demonstration kitchen, at 7:30 P. M., with Mrs. J. C. Cole and Mrs. Richard Wingfield as co hostesses. Demonstration will be given by Mrs. Lola Goodrich and Mrs. Louise Parris.

Tuesday, Jan. 7.- The Lee Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. D. M. Wood. Demonstration will be given by Mrs George Peake and Mrs. Hunt Hamilton.

Wednesday, Jan. 8.- The Glendale Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. F. J. Nash, Sr. Mrs. Nash and Mrs. E. W. Marshall will give demonstration. Note the change in date of meeting.

Thursday, Jan. 9.- The Stonewall Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. Lyla Thomas. Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Wilton Routon will give the demonstration. Note change in place of meeting.

Friday, Jan. 10.- Spout Spring Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home agent's office at 2 P. M. Note change in date of meeting.

New Assistant County Agent

G. D. Gilliam, of Red House, assumed duties of Assistant County Agent in Appomattox, Amherst and Prince Edward Counties on January 2. Gilliam has recently returned from military service. Before entering the armed forces, he was Assistant County Agent in Amherst and Nelson Counties. He graduated in 1956 from VPI, majoring in Animal Husbandry. His work in Appomattox will be primarily with 4-H Club boys.

Oil company gets permit for Philippine refinery.

Year's Report Of Highway Work In Co.

Resident Engineer C. A. Palmer of Appomattox reported today that during 1957 approximately 28 miles of secondary roads in Appomattox and Campbell Counties were hard-surfaced.

In a summary of accomplishments on farm-to-market roads in the residency during the year, the engineer said the major project in Campbell County was construction of an access road (Route 726) to the Babcock and Wilson nuclear facilities plant near Mt. Athos. This job involved construction of a bridge over Beaver Creek, widening an -overpass of the Norfolk and Western railroad, and excavating about 60,000 yards of rock. Construction was financed with secondary federal aid and industrial access road funds.

Palmer said other secondary road improvements included new hard surfacing on sections of the following routes: 766 from Brookville School to US 29 (2.3 miles); 618 from 600 toward the Charlotte County line (1.1 mile); 622, Waterlick Road, two sections totaling about 0.5 mile; 631 and 632 near the Bedford County line (1.3 mile); 656 from 501 between Gladys and Naruna and construction of a new connection to 501; extension of hard surfacing on 633 east of Rustburg for about 0.5 mile; 685 from old 29 to Route 24 (1.8 mile); 689 from 24 to 690 near Yellow Branch; 704 from the intersection at 705 to Seneca post office; 705 west of Lynchburg; 852, Brooklawn Drive, and 854 near Lynchburg.

Other improvements on secondary roads in the county included almost 47 miles of resurfacing; 4.3 miles of grading and stabilizing; construction of new bridges on Routes 677, 687 and 726; installation of culverts to replace four inadequate structures; elimination of one ford and strengthening a bridge on Route 663 near Rustburg, to raise its load capacity to 10 tons.

Campbell County has 592 miles of secondary roads, of which 366 miles are hard surfaced.

In Appomattox County, the engineer reported, almost 14 miles of secondary roads were hard surfaced. Included was work on the following routes: 611, 667, and 666, to complete a loop from 668 at Stonewall to Route 26; 625 from the Prince Edward County line north (1.4 miles); 628 from the end of the hard surface, south, (0.6 mile; 653 from US 460 toward Hixburg (1.9 miles); 634 from US 460 east (0.5 mile); 647 (one mile) and 648 (0.4 mile) south from the Spout Spring area; 654 at Tower Hill south of US 60 (0.2 mile); and 0.64 miles on streets in the Town of Appomattox.

Secondary improvements in Appomattox County during the year included approximately 10 miles of resurfacing. Slightly more than six miles were graded and stabilized; a bridge was constructed on Route 636; three weak bridges were replaced with culverts; one ford was eliminated on Route 636; and a bridge on Route 644 was strengthened and widened.

At the end of the year Appomattox had 408 miles of secondary highways, of which 124 miles were hard surfaced.

During 1958, Palmer said, emphasis will be placed on hard surfacing and replacement of weak bridges in both counties. He also said continued efforts will be made to eliminate fords at streams in Appomattox County.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

Jan. 6.- Cream of tomato soup with crackers, hot buttered rice, purple plums, devil's food cake, 1-2 pt. milk.

Jan. 7.- 1-2 cheese sandwich, 1-2 ham salad sandwich, green peas, potato salad, cherry roll, 1-2 pt. milk.

Jan. 8.- Hot dog on roll with dressing, spaghetti, cole slaw, ice cream, 1-2 pt. milk.

Jan. 9.- Salmon loaf, whipped potatoes, string beans, corn bread, fruit jaile, 1-2 pt. milk.

Jan. 10.- Vegetable stew with crackers, 1-2 peanut butter sandwich, apple sauce, ginger bread, 1-2 pt. milk.

Rainfall Up 9 In. In 1957

Appomattox had "above normal" rainfall for the year 1957, it was revealed in a month-by-month rainfall report by W. S. Taylor, local Weather Bureau reporter.

"Normal rainfall' here is listed as 39.35 inches. The year 1957 came through with a total of 48.36 inches. This above normal precipitation is sure to have built up the underground water table, which had been lowered by several "dry years" in a row.

The month-by-month tally for 1957 follows:

January	2.88
February	4.10
March	2.23
April	5.17
May	2.37
June	5.77
July	3.60
August	3.56
September	8.52
October	1.32
November	6.11
December	2.84

Mr. Taylor measures precipitation at his home just outside the town of Appomattox. Local showers in other parts of the county might vary the rainfall total for that area from the above figures, but the year was marked by excellent "general" rains that aided crops, pastures and wells throughout the area.

Mayor's Weekly News Report

To the Citizens of
The Town of Appomattox:

I want to again thank all of you good people for the wonderful spirit and assistance that you have given your Mayor and Town officials during the past year.

During the last few weeks some difficulty has been encountered in collecting and leaving the new Town Dump, but I can assure you that it will be patient with us that this will be improved in the near future.

Last week a copy of the Town Budget for 1958 was published in The Times-Virginian and I just hope that everyone will take time and study this. If anyone has a request that is turned down by the Council this year, please do not feel hurt, for it is the utmost desire of the Council to operate the Town within the limits of the budget.

Remember your counsel and advice are welcomed at all times, and on all public matters.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year that will be filled with good health and great wealth.

Sincerely,
C. T. Moses, Jr.

To the Students of
Appomattox High School:

We, your parents, want to take this opportunity to thank you publicly for your excellent behavior at the Holiday Dance. You are the dearest possession that we have and it does our hearts good to see you enjoy life. We hope that in the near future we will be able to do this again.

Your Parents.

A. H. S. to resume basketball games, after holidays.

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Home Agent To be on Leave For a Year

It was learned this week that Mrs. Ella Anderson, Appomattox County Home Demonstration Agent, will enter upon a year's educational leave from her duties on January 18, and will enroll as a graduate student at Purdue University, LaFayette, Indiana. Mrs. Anderson will do work leading to a Master's Degree in the field of home management and economics. She did undergraduate work at Lincoln Memorial University, and has done graduate work at the University of Tennessee.

During Mrs. Anderson's absence, Miss Mary Owen Armistead will serve as Acting Home Agent for this county.

Miss Mary Owen Armistead assumed duties as Assistant Home Demonstration agent here, on January 1. Miss Armistead, a graduate of Mary Washington College, was reared on a dairy farm near Leesburg in Halifax County. In coming to Appomattox County, she brings an excellent background in 4-H Club work. In 1952 she was a member of the State 4-H Dairy Judging Team and was twelfth highest individual at the National Contest that fall at Waterloo, Iowa. In 1953 she was a State winner in Dairy Achievement, receiving a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress. She was one of the two girls in Virginia to be named delegate to National 4-H Camp at Washington, D. C., in 1955. This past summer she was an International Farm Youth Exchange Student to Belgium, returning to the United States in November.

Shop Judging Contest

The Appomattox Chapter of Future Farmers of America placed second in the Federation Shop Judging Contest. The first team consisted of Luther Reynolds, scoring 524; Kinckle Martin, scoring 477, and Ralph Inge, scoring 443. The perfect score was 600.

The Appomattox alternate team, which placed first in the alternate standings, consisted of Jack Tibbs, scoring 428; Dennis Torrence, scoring 384, and Myron Richardson, scoring 111.

The contest consisted of Tool Identification, measuring board feet, are in lumber, estimating a bill of materials for picnic table, and judging of plowshares, metal, and wooden gates on workmanship, strength and durability, suitability of materials used and how closely the plan was followed.

Teams competing in this contest were William Campbell, Appomattox, Rustburg, Concord, Brookville, Moneta, Huddleston, New London and Amherst, placing respectively in that order.

—Jack Tibbs, F. F. A. Reporter.

FARMERS' TAX MEETING

Farmers encountering problems in filing income tax forms can get the answers at a meeting on Monday, January 6, at 2 P. M., at the Appomattox Court House.

W. J. Nuckolls, of the VPI Economic Department, will give the discussion on this subject.

Catholics renew pledge to Legion of Decency.

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Dr. Howard Rogers Is Named Man of the Month by Magazine

An interesting article about an Appomattox former resident who has won outstanding success appeared in a recent issue of the Seedman's Digest, a widely circulated trade journal. Selected as "Man of The Month was Dr. Howard Topping Rogers, who is head of the Department of Agronomy and Soils at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, at Auburn, Ala.

Dr. Rogers, although a native of Surrey County, Va., lived many years here. He is the son of the late J. T. Rogers, and brother of E. C. Rogers, of Appomattox. He graduated at A. H. S. in June, 1925.

Dr. Rogers graduated from V. P. I. in 1930 and received graduate degrees at Michigan State and Iowa State College. He was with the Va. Agricultural Extension Service four years and from 1947 to 1951 was agronomist and chief of the soil and fertilizer branch of TVA. Since 1951, he has been head of the department at Auburn. He is chairman of the Southern Regional Committee on Soil Research.

Dr. Rogers was a recent visitor in Appomattox.

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The year 1957 was one of interesting local events and sound and steady progress in and around Appomattox. A run-through the files of The Times-Virginian for the year brought up the following resume of local news:

Jan. 1.- Richard L. Wingfield becomes Acting Postmaster here.

Jan. 3.- Released figures at the Appomattox National Park Service office showed total attendance of 64,200 at Old Appomattox Court House for previous year, up 1,700.

Jan. 10.- Record of 22,661 cans of fruit, vegetables and meats canned during 1956 at local school canneries.

Jan. 10.- Everett Tibbs installed as president Pamplin Ruritan Club.

Jan. 14.- Blankets of snow covers area.

Jan. 17.- Heavy offerings cause congestion and bring closing of dark tobacco markets for a week.

Jan. 18.- Newly organized Ruritan Club at Evergreen meets, with Allen Franklin as president.

Jan. 24.- Lions Club has annual football banquet.

Jan. 24.- Firemen quickly curb fire on second storage floor at the Bank of Appomattox.

Jan. 25.- Dept. of Agriculture orders new 10% cut in leaf acreage.

Feb. 5.- Beloved physician, Dr. F. H. Lukin, dies at Pamplin.

Feb. 7.- John M. Blakeney named manager of Appomattox Garment Co. Division III at Altavista.

Feb. 14.- Dark tobacco markets close for the season.

Feb. 14.- Survey shows good demand for housing in Appomattox.

Feb. 20.- New Appomattox County Fire Engine arrives.

March 7.- A. H. S. ends basketball season with record of 7 wins and 6 losses.

March 8.- Pamplin Boy Scouts receive charter.

March 21.- Frank McCann withdraws as candidate for Mayor.

March 29.- A. H. S. opens baseball schedule.

April 3.- Mayor R. D. Robinson announces appointment of John P. Stinnette as Town Policeman.

April 4.- C. T. Moses, Jr. announces as candidate for Mayor.

April 6.- Boy Scouts from fourteen counties end 3-day hike over line of Lee's Retreat to Appomattox.

April 9.- Over 1,500 school children from wide area visit Old Appomattox C. H. and are entertained here as part of local Jamestown Festival Year promotion.

April 21.- Easter Sunrise service held by local churches.

April 22.- Annual Clean-up Week.

May 1.- A. H. S. seniors leave on chartered bus trip to New York.

May 4,5.- Annual spring flower show of Garden Club.

May 5.- Appomattox County Day observed by Jamestown Festival Committee of county, with Mrs. F. F. Carr as chairman, and Dr. W. Twyman Williams as speaker at religious service at Old Court House.

May 5.- By mechanical count, 1,375 persons entered McLean House this one day at Old C. H.

May 9.- Dr. A. L. Keesee announces resignation at end of term as county school supervisor.

May 20.- Dr. S. R. Lawson elected president local Jaycees.

May 27.- Only 38 pints received at Bloodmobile visit.

May 30.- Plans announced for a 3-part school building program.

June 6.- Sheriff D. T. Robertson finished rebuilding job on figure of Confederate Soldier on court house square monument.

June 3.- Rep. W. M. Abbitt's bill for separation of Tobacco Type 21 passes House.

June 11.- C. T. Moses, Jr. wins in close race for Mayor of Appomattox.

June 13.- Kenneth Christopher announces will reconsider and return another year as A. H. S. principal.

June 20.- F. J. Clements succeeds Dr. H. E. Jenkins as Health Director.

June 24.- Frank McCann named as Commander local American Legion Post 104.

July 1.- Local school canneries open for the season.

July 8.- Town Policeman, John P. Stinnette resigns.

July 8.- Town begins collecting garbage twice-weekly.

July 11.- Report shows 11,000 visitors during June at Old Appomattox Court House.

July 16.- Appomattox Presbytery meets here.

July 27.- Seven take Civil Service exam for local postmastership.

July 27.- J. J. Wingfield new Republican chairman for the county, succeeding J. T. Almond.

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